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DECEMBER 7, 1967

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIV. A, CASCO, NOV. 30:

WARDEN RUSS DYER, POLAND SPRINGS: DEER NOT COMING OUT AT NIGHT AT THIS TIME. DEER KILL IN THE GRAY AREA WILL BE WAY UP. FINDING MORE ILLEGAL HUNTING ON THE GRAY GAME PRESERVE THAN IN PAST YEARS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, NOV. 30:

WARDEN ORAL PAGE, BELGRADE: DEER KILL IN THIS DISTRICT WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. GOOD TRACKING SNOW HAS HELPED INCREASE THE KILL IN SOME AREAS THAT HAD BEEN RUNNING BEHIND.

WARDEN OLIN JACKSON, SOUTH CHINA: THIS PAST WEEK SHOWED FEWER HUNTERS IN THE AREA UNTIL NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>, THEN ABOUT THE SAME NUMBERS OF HUNTERS OUT. BELIEVE THE WEATHER HAD BEEN GOOD MORE HUNTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT. HAD TWO DEER STOLEN ON ROAD IN CHINA THIS PAST WEEK. HAVEN'T SEEN MANY DEER AT NIGHT THIS WEEK BUT BELIEVE THERE IS A GOOD HERD OF DEER LEFT. IT SEEMS FEWER HUNTERS GO INTO THE WOODS TO HUNT EVERY YEAR. MOST OF THEM RIDE THE ROADS OR SIT AND WATCH A FIELD-IT HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS. SAW A LARGE NUMBER OF HUNTERS WEARING THE FLUORESCENT ORANGE HATS AND SOME HUNTERS WITH JACKETS ON. QUITE A NUMBER OF HUNTERS FEEL IT SHOULD BECOME A LAW TO WEAR THIS CLOTHING ALL OVER THE STATE. I STILL SAW SOME HUNTERS WHO HAD VERY BAD TASTE IN DRESS  
MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 1

TO GO DEER HUNTING IN THE WOODS AND FIELDS.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: HUNTING HAS BEEN VERY SLOW THIS WEEK DUE TO THE WET WEATHER. IT RAINED FOR THREE DAYS THIS WEEK OVER THE HOLIDAYS. THIS SLOWED DOWN THE DEER KILL. DEER INSPECTION STATIONS ARE WAY DOWN BELOW LAST YEAR IN THIS DISTRICT.

WARDEN DEAN JORDAN, WISCASSET: I RECENTLY FLEW OVER MERRYMEETING BAY AND ALONG MY SECTION OF THE COAST. THERE ARE STILL QUITE A FEW BLACKS IN THE BAY AND A LOT OF DIVERS ON THE KENNEBEC RIVER. PLENTY OF BLACKS ALONG THE COASTAL MARSHES, EIDER DUCKS WERE PLENTIFUL, BUT NO SCOTERS WERE SEEN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSET, DIV.C, ELLSWORTH, DEC.6:

THE DEER KILL IN DIVISION C WAS 4,174 THIS YEAR. THE SCARCITY OF NONRESIDENT HUNTERS THIS YEAR WAS EVIDENT IN THE DEER KILL. THIS YEAR THERE WERE 878 DEER KILLED BY NONRESIDENTS COMPARED TO 1,025 A YEAR AGO. IF THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO BE MILD, THIS LATE DUCK SEASON SHOULD BE VERY GOOD AS WARDENS ARE REPORTING A LOT OF BLACK DUCKS ALONG THE COAST. FROM ALL INDICATIONS, THE RABBIT POPULATION APPEARS TO BE THE LOWEST IN SEVERAL YEARS IN THIS DIVISION.

WARDEN R. LYLE FROST, SULLIVAN: DEER REGISTRATION INCREASED 34 OVER 1966 IN MY DISTRICT FROM 389 TO 421, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 9%. DEER ARE STILL SHOWING AT NIGHT ALONG ROADS AND IN FIELDS. I BELIEVE MY DISTRICT HAS HAD AN INCREASE IN NIGHT HUNTING THIS YEAR - THESE ARE ALL THE "ROAD HUNTER" TYPE. MORE BEAR WERE KILLED IN THE DISTRICT THIS FALL THAN FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS BUT NOT ALL HUNTERS ARE COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIRED REPORT LAW.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV.G, LINCOLN CENTER, DEC.6:

THE LAST WEEK OF OUR HUNTING SEASON WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AS A CRUSTY SNOW KEPT THE HUNTERS FROM STALKING THEIR DEER. ROBERT BENSON OF BURLINGTON GOT HIS WINTER SUPPLY OF MEAT. HE OBSERVED A HOLE IN UNDER A FALLEN TREE; AS HE APPROACHED IT, A BEAR STUCK ITS HEAD OUT. BENSON FIRED AND THE HEAD DISAPPEARED BUT ANOTHER TOOK ITS PLACE. HE FIRED AGAIN. AFTER WAITING A FEW MINUTES BENSON REACHED IN AND PULLED OUT A BEAR CUB. HE WAS UNABLE TO PULL OUT THE MOTHER UNTIL HE GOT HELP FROM SOME OTHER HUNTERS.

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FIELD NOTES/ADD 2

AFTER THE MOTHER BEAR HAD BEEN REMOVED ANOTHER GOOD SIZED CUB WAS FOUND AND ADDED TO THE BENSON MEAT SUPPLY.

WARDEN BOB SMITH, LINCOLN: THE DEER KILL IN MY DISTRICT IS DOWN 10% THIS YEAR AND DOWN 22% OVER THE 1965 SEASON; HOWEVER, THE PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS IS UP. THERE WERE MANY DEER SHOT ON INTERSTATE 95 AND LOST, AS THE HUNTERS WOULD NOT GO TO LOOK IF THE DEER DID NOT DROP RIGHT THERE. MUCH OF THIS WAS DONE IN THE NIGHT TIME. I FOUND 13 CARCASSES IN NINE DAYS BESIDES HAVING OTHERS REPORTED BY HUNTERS. THE "SPORTSMEN" IN MAINE SEEM TO BE VERY WASTEFUL.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, DEC. 3:

THE 1967 DEER SEASON ENDED WITH AN INCREASE OF 80 DEER OVER LAST YEAR. ALL DISTRICTS WERE UP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE DEER DIDN'T TRAVEL MUCH IN THE DAYLIGHT HOURS UNTIL THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER. I BELIEVE WE HAD MORE NONRESIDENT HUNTERS IN THE DIVISION THAN IN ANY PAST YEAR THAT I RECALL. THE ALLAGASH AND ST. JOHN RIVER AREAS WERE WELL REPRESENTED WITH OUT-OF-STATE HUNTERS. WE DID NOT HAVE THE USUAL NUMBER OF LOST PERSONS, NOR DID WE HAVE ANY HUNTING ACCIDENTS DURING THE SEASON. ABOUT SIX MOOSE WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SHOT BY HUNTERS. ONE WAS SHOT AT T.10, R.17 AND APPARENTLY DROPPED ON A GRAVEL ROAD, AFTER, FROM ALL APPEARANCES, THE TOW VEHICLE THEN BOGGED DOWN AND COULD NOT GET THE ANIMAL OUT OF SIGHT OF THE GRAVEL ROAD. MORE BEAR WERE SHOT DURING THE 1967 SEASON THAN IN 1966. THERE MAY BE A LITTLE MORE INTEREST IN BEAVER TRAPPING. MOST OF THE LAKES IN THE DIVISION ARE FROZEN. IT IS THE FOURTH TIME CROSS LAKE HAS FROZEN AND OPENED UP AGAIN THIS FALL. IT NOW LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MAY LAST A FEW MONTHS. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE SNOW IN THE DIVISION AT THIS TIME, BUT I TALKED WITH WARDEN ROLAND PELLETIER, OF ALLAGASH, AND HE SAID THAT THERE WAS UP TO 16 INCHES IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THIS DISTRICT.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, NOV. 30:

THE BEST OF THE WATERFOWL MIGRATION IS IN PROGRESS: WHISTLERS AND BLACK DUCKS ARE IN THE KENNEBEC RIVER IN GOODLY NUMBERS AS THE SMALL PONDS AND BOGS BECOME ICE BOUND. IF THE WEATHER HOLDS ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES, THERE COULD BE SOME GUNNING, WHEN THE SEASON OPENS THE 11TH OF DEC. THE INDICATIONS ARE

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 3

THAT THE DEER REGISTRATION IN THIS DIVISION WILL RUN ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR; A SLIGHT RISE IS ANTICIPATED.

WARDEN DONALD WALKER, BINGHAM: IF THINGS HOLD TRUE TO FORM, DEER REGISTRATION WILL BE ABOVE THE 1966 SEASON IN THIS DISTRICT.

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